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IN BRIEF

Pearl Harbor filming

Big Ship Productions (a Disney company) continues to film the movie "Pearl Harbor," in and around Pearl Harbor, which may disrupt some daily work routines.

Additionally, residents of Naval Station in and around Ford Island may experience occasional loud explosions and flight operations involving vintage WWII era aircraft.

The following is a general schedule of dates and locations where filming will occur through April 27. Please plan accordingly.

April 22

Tower area: No parking between tower and the gym, between bldgs. 87 and 218, and along Enterprise Street.

Traffic on Lexington through the tower area will be secured intermittently. Traffic will be re-routed around the affected area. 2nd Unit: Miscellaneous shots around airfield.

April 23 only

Top of the tower and Enterprise Street. Parking will be secured between the tower and the gym, between the gym and hangar 79 (except for closest two rows to the gym), much of the seaplane ramp area, and in the vicinity of Enterprise Street, Pokemoke Street and St. Louis Avenue.

April 23-27

Makai of hangar 54: Parking will be secured on seaplane ramp.

Traffic on Lexington Blvd south of bldg. 79 to south of the runway will be periodically secured.

Foot traffic will have plenty of access to bldg. 39 and those mauka of bldg. 39.

April 27 only

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Navy League cleans up fountain

By J01 Gerard Sekerak

Hawaii Navy News Editor

A volunteer team of Sea Cadets and The Honolulu council of the Navy League put in a little of their free time and a lot of elbow grease when they began the first efforts of a two week-long cleaning of the Pearl Harbor Memorial fountain April 15.

The combined team of volunteers used naval jelly and non-scratch cleaning pads to remove rust from the memorial's 12 stainless-steel pedestals, and with a hose and scrub brushes, took off dirt and mold build-up from the concrete and tile structure surrounding the fountain.

Jim Pitton, executive director of the Navy League's Honolulu council, organized the cleanup effort after noticing a need for maintenance and cleaning at the memorial.

"I was jogging through there one day and noticed things needed to be done. So I made some phone calls to some people and got money committed and donated and now we're doing what's necessary to bring it (the memorial) up to snuff," said Pitton.

Pitton then put in a request for volunteers to the local Oahu chapter of the Sea Cadets. The Cadets responded by contributing nine members who got a break from their normal two weekends a month drill exercises.

"We've done a number of projects like this before," said 16 year-old Sea Cadet Ronnie Chason. "We've cleaned the sides of roads, beaches, we've done our own butler hut, and we've helped paint other buildings. But because of the history involved (at Pearl Harbor and in Sea Cadet training) we take a lot more pride in something like this," added Chason.

The volunteers also helped professionals from a local window-cleaning company erase a heavy crust of hard-water stains from the glass sandwiched in each pedestal.

In an effort to deter future water-stain build-up, the window-cleaning pros used a high-tech, revolutionary treatment to coat the fountain's glass slabs.

The memorial fountain, which took a little more than a year to build, was com-

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J01 Gerard Sekerak photo

Sea Cadet Katie Clubb hoses down the concrete and tile structure surrounding the Pearl Harbor Memorial fountain. She and eight other Sea Cadets took a break from their normal weekend drill to help the Navy League clean the memorial. The fountain is expected to run again as normal around the second week of May.

NEX employee retires after 59 years

By Jamie Chance

Navy Exchange

Genevieve (Genny) Perry retired April 12 from the Navy Exchange after 56 years and 10 months of continuous employment, making her the longest employed Navy Exchange associate within the Navy Exchange System worldwide.

The special retirement ceremony was held at the Pearl Harbor Main Exchange lanai, where Perry and eight other dedicated NEX Barbers Point associates were honored.

Rear Adm. John W. Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, M. F. Cottrell, Director, Hawaii District Navy Exchange, and Jack Hamacek, General Manager, Barbers Point Navy Exchange presented the retiring associates commemorative certificates and traditional carved and engraved bowls honoring the occasion.

Perry began work in 1943 for 87 cents an hour at the Navy Ship's Stores (now known as the Navy Exchange). Her long and rewarding Navy Exchange career began at Ford Island where she worked as a laundry clerk.

"I was a young girl when I

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USS Frederick celebrates 30th Battle 'E' birthday

By Lt. j.g. Robb

USS FREDERICK

THE Tank Landing Ship USS Frederick (LST 1184) was built at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company in San Diego, Calif.

Frederick's keel was laid on April 13, 1968 and the ship was launched on March 8, 1969 in San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Kleber S. Masterson (wife of Vice Adm. Masterson) sponsored the ship on the day of her launching with a blast of champagne over the ship's newly constructed bow.

After its commissioning on April 11, 1970, Cmdr. Robert A. Shaid, assumed command as the first commanding officer of USS Frederick.

Thirty years later, Frederick continues her unparalleled level of service to the fleet with distinction and pride.

Rear Adm. J. W. Townes III, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, joined the officers and crew of Frederick on April 11 to help celebrate the ship's 30 years of distinguished commissioned service.

In addition to the birthday festivities, Rear Adm. Townes presented Commanding Officer, Cmdr.

Alan R. Moore, with the coveted Battle Efficiency award.

This was the first Battle 'E' in Frederick's 30-year history. Cmdr. Moore accepted the prestigious award on behalf of the crew, in recognition of their superior service during the past year.

This service included a successful deployment to the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) during which they participated in exercises Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 99 and CROCODILE 99.

Adding yet another reason to celebrate, Rear Adm. Townes was also onboard for the breaking of Frederick's Surface Warfare Officer

Pennant. Frederick earned the right to fly the pennant because all the ship's officers achieved their Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) qualification within the designated time frame.

Rear Adm. Townes also participated in an awards ceremony that personally honored several Frederick Sailors.

The awardees included Machinist's Mate 2nd Class David Sullivan and Chief Information Systems Technician Belvelyn Williams who received their Enlisted Surface Warfare

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1,700 run for fun on Ford Island bridge



PH2 Chad McNeelley photo

More than 1,700 runners ran the 10K (6.2 mile) course across Ford Island's bridge April 15. The first runner crossed the finish line approximately 32 minutes after the 7 a.m. start. The 3rd annual "Fun Run" was hosted by the region's Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Disney stunt plane crashes during filming, pilot OK

By J03 Brenda Diggs

NAVY REGION HAWAII

A civilian male stunt pilot was injured during filming of the Disney production "Pearl Harbor" when his plane crashed on Ford Island Monday. The crash happened shortly after 11 a.m. next to the Ford Island runway.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Federal Aviation Administration are investigating the accident.

Three aircraft, replicas of Aichi D3A1, or Val dive-bombers, were flying low through black special-effects smoke when the crash occurred. The plane left a trail of debris before it came to rest.

Disney launched filming April 8 for the romantic World War II drama, which recreates the Dec. 7, 1941, bombing at Pearl Harbor.

Filming on Oahu is expected to end in early May.